

The Humble
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Of the Right Honourable the
Lords Spiritual and Temporal,
In Parliament Aſſembled,

PRESENTED TO
H I S M A J E S T Y,

On *Friday* the Twelfth Day of *October*, 1722.

W I T H
His Majesties

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O*rdere*d by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, That the Address of this House, presented to His Majesty, and His Majesties most Gracious Answer thereunto, be forthwith Printed and Published.

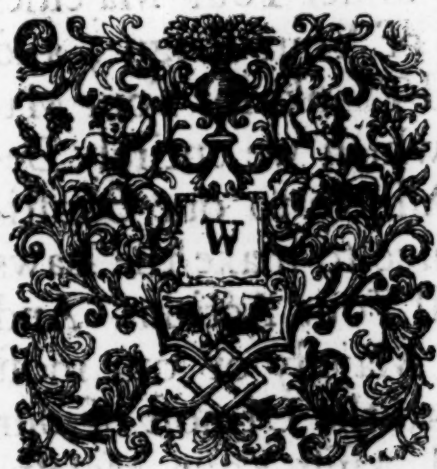
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Die Veneris 12 Octobris, 1722.

Most Gracious Sovereign,



E Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, humbly return Your Majesty the Thanks of this House for Your Majesties most Gracious Speech from the Throne, and for Communicating to Your Parliament the Dangerous Designs formed, and still carrying on, against Your Majesties most Sacred Person and Government, in Favour of a Popish Pretender.

We cannot sufficiently express our Detestation and Abhorrence thereof, or our just Indignation against all such as have, by any Means whatsoever, Traiterously endeavoured to alienate the Affections of Your Majesties good Subjects, or, by maliciously Fomenting any of their late Discontents, however Occasioned, to raise them to a Spirit of Rebellion.

We think our selves in Duty bound, on this Occasion, to Declare our very great Satisfaction in the Wise Measures taken by Your Majesty, which, by the Blessing of God, have hitherto Disappointed the Treasonable Projects of all Your Enemies, and happily Preserved the Peace and Tranquillity of the Kingdom.

Could the Enemies of our Peace have procured a Foreign Force to Invade us, and, by such Assistance, a Rebellion to have been raised in the Heart of Your Kingdom, though we assure our selves so Desperate an Attempt must have ended in their own Destruction, it is not yet to be doubted, but that the City of *London*, whose Wealth and Influence have been so constantly employed in Opposing Popery and Arbitrary Power, would have felt the utmost Efforts of their Fury, and the Kingdom been made a Scene of Bloodshed and Confusion.

Such of Your Majesties good Subjects, as may have been Unwarily misled at so Critical a Juncture, must now plainly discern the Difference between those great Calamities, from which, by the Blessing of God, they have been hitherto Preserved, and the Imaginary Dangers with which they have been industriously Amused.

We cannot but acknowledge, with most Grateful Hearts, the Inestimable Blessings we have enjoyed under Your Majesties Government during the whole Course of Your Reign ; and return Your Majesty our most Unfeigned Thanks for Your Majesties most Gracious Declaration, on which we entirely Depend, that Your Majesty will steadily Adhere to our Constitution in Church and State, and continue to make the Laws of the Realm the Rule and Measure of all Your Actions. And we humbly beg Leave to Assure Your Majesty of our most Unshaken Fidelity, and that we will, to the Utmost of our Power, on all Occasions, Stand by and Assist Your Majesty against all Your Enemies whatsoever, both at Home and Abroad, in Maintenance of Your Majesties Undoubted Right and Title to the Imperial Crown of this Realm.

HIS MAJESTIES most Gracious ANSWER.

My LORDS,

I Thank you for this Loyal and Dutiful Address. So seasonable a Mark of your Zeal and Affection will be of the greatest Service at this Critical Juncture, and lay Me under the strictest Obligation to use the Confidence you repose in Me to no other Ends, than the Preservation of the Publick Tranquillity, and of the Rights and Liberties of My People.